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SUBJECT: SPRATLYS

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GOP DID RAISE SPRATLYS IN FULL MDB MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, BUT IN FOLLOWING ANODYNE MANNER, PRESENTED
BY AFP CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL ESPINO: "MR. CO-CHAIRMAN,
ON THE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE 74-2 MEETING MINUTES,
I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE KNOWN OUR STAND ON KALAYAAN AND
THE SPRATLY CONTROVERSY WITH THEIR STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE
TO THE SECURITY OF THE PHILIPPINES FOREMOST IN OUR MIND.
KALAYAAN REFERS TO THE GROUP OF ISLANDS WHICH
ARE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM THE SPRATLYS AND ARE REGARDED
AS "RESNULLIUS". AS SUCH, THEY MAY BE ACQUIRED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE MODE OF ACQUISITION RECOGNIZED UNDER
INTERNATIONAL LAW, TO INCLUDE OCCUPATION AND
EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION. IN THIS REGARD WE ARE NOW
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IN EFFECTIVE OCCUPATION AND CONTROL OF THE ISLANDS OF

PAGASA, KOTA, LAWAK, LIKAS, AND PAROLA.
ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ISLANDS COMPRISING THE SPRATLYS
FALL UNDER THE "DE FACTO" TRUSTEESHIP OF THE ALLIED
POWERS BY VIRTUE OF THE JAPANESE PEACE TREATY SIGNED
AND CONCLUDED IN SAN FRANCISCO ON 8 SEPTEMBER 1951, WHEREBY
JAPAN RENOUNCED ALL HER RIGHTS, TITLE, AND CLAIM TO
THESE ISLANDS. IN VIEW HEREOF, IT IS OUR FIRM POSITION
THAT NO COUNTRY SHOULD OCCUPY AND MORE SO, INTRODUCE
TROOPS ON ANY OF THE ISLANDS OF THE SPRATLY GROUP
WITHOUT THE EXPRESSED PERMISSION AND CONSENT OF THE
ALLIED POWERS. IN THE RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES, HOWEVER
THE PHILIPPINES WILL ALWAYS ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE
UN CHARTER."
SULLIVAN

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